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1. SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN INCREASING CONCERN ABOUT INCLUSION OF TWO ADDITIONS TO THE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC INQUIRY MENTIONED PARA 3 REFTEL. AT EVENING RECEPTION JANUARY 17, ANTIASOV, NUMBER TWO MAN IN SOVIET MISSION VIENNA, URGED ME TO RECOMMEND TO WASHINGTON THE INCLUSION OF THESE TWO IDEAS IN THE SO-CALLED PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE. ANTIASOV SAID HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM MOSCOW AND HAD JUST SEEN BOTH MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV AND LEFT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT INSTRUCTIONS FOR TWO ADDITIONS HAD COME DIRECTLY FROM THEM. ANTIASOV ARGUED THAT IT WAS CLEAR THERE WOULD BE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US AND USSR ON PNE TOPICS, BOTH IN THE IAEA CONTEXT AND OTHERWISE, AND HE ASSIGNED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO MENTION OF THIS FACT. WITH RESPECT TO MENTION OF ARTICLE V OF THE NPT, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A DESIRE TO REAFFIRM SOVIET AND US SUPPORT FOR THE TREAT AND TO PROVIDE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE PRIOR TO THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE THAT SOVS AND US WERE CONSIDERING THE PROVISIONS OF

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ARTICLE V OF THE TREATY.

2. I RESPONDED THAT I WOULD DO WHAT I COULD TO SECURE WASHINGTON ACCEPTANCE FOR INTRODUCING THE TWO IDEAS INTO THE SUGGESTED PRESS RESPONSE ALTHOUGH WE WOULD AT MINIMUM FEEL IT NECESSARY TO DO SOME REDRAFTING OF THE SOVIET PROPOSALS. IN THE MEANTIME, STATE 012835 WAS RECEIVED WHICH INDICATED US WOULD NOT APPROVE ISSUANCE OF COMMUNIQUE AND WOULD ONLY USE STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRY. AS RESULT OF THIS I DECIDED NOT TO RAISE THE ANTIASOV APPROACH WITH WASHINGTON.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, SOVIETS RAISED THE QUESTION TWICE YESTERDAY, JANUARY 20. IN RESPONSE TO FIRST QUERY THEY WERE TOLD THAT WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON THO THEIR SUGGESTIONS. LATER IN THE DAY, AFTER THEY HAD READ O'TOOLE "WASHINGTON POST" JANUARY 19 ARTICLE ON TTB WHICH WAS REPRINTED IN "INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE" OF JANUARY 20, THEY BECAME MUCH MORE INSISTENT ON INCLUSION OF THEIR TWO POINTS AS WELL AS ON THEIR DESIRE TO ISSUE A PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE AS REPORTED SEPTEL.

4. THEY WERE DEEPLY UPSET BOTH WITH THE FACT OF THE O'TOOLE ARTICLE, THE ORIGIN OF WHICH THEY ATTRIBUTED TO CONTROLLED LEAKS, AS WELL AS WITH THE TECHNICAL INACCURACIES WHICH THE ARTICLE CONTAINED WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET PLANS FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS. US DEL SHARES SOME OF SOVIET CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO O'TOOLE ARTICLE AND IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL DAMAGE MAY HAVE BEEN DONE.

5. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I BELIEVE WE SHOULD RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO SOVIET REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE ON THE BILATERAL TALKS, WITH ADDITION OF APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE WHICH INCLUDES THE TWO THEMES WITH RESPECT TO ADDITIONS TO THE COMMUNIQUE. OUR SUGGESTED TEXT (NOT DISCUSSED WITH SOVIETS), TO BE ADDED AT END EXISTING DRAFT TEXT, IS: "BOTH SIDES LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING EXCHANGES OF VIEWSON THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, BOTH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE IAEA IN PNE MATTERS, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE V OF THE NPT."

6. I UNDERSTAND IAEA PANEL MAY WIND UP THURSDAY PM, JANUARY 23. NEED RESPONSE SOONEST. PORTER

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